

IN THE CLAIMS

Below is a complete listing of all of the claims in the application with the status of each claim provided after the claim number.

1. (currently amended) A method of obtaining information about a ~~time-sensitive date-sensitive merchandise~~ item comprising the steps of:

identifying the ~~time-sensitive date-sensitive merchandise~~ item; and
obtaining the information from a web site.

2. (currently amended) A method of obtaining expiration information about a ~~time-sensitive date-sensitive merchandise~~ item comprising the steps of:

identifying the ~~time-sensitive date-sensitive merchandise~~ item; and
obtaining the expiration information from a web site of a seller of the ~~time-sensitive date-sensitive merchandise~~ item.

3. – 11. (Withdrawn)

12. (currently amended) A system for obtaining information about a time-sensitive date-sensitive merchandise item comprising:

a first computer which has a web site address and which stores the information about the time-sensitive date-sensitive merchandise item; and

a second computer which identifies the time-sensitive date-sensitive merchandise item and which contacts the first computer to obtain the information.

13. (currently amended) A system for obtaining information about a time-sensitive date-sensitive merchandise item comprising:

a first computer associated with a supplier of the time-sensitive date-sensitive merchandise item which has a web site address and which stores the information about the time-sensitive date-sensitive merchandise item; and

a second computer associated with a retailer of the time-sensitive date-sensitive merchandise item which identifies the time-sensitive date-sensitive merchandise item and which contacts the first computer to obtain the information.

14. – 20. (Withdrawn)